NATURAL NEWS

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People

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Phil Hanson to be Acting Chair of the Education Department

Beginning Monday, July 1, Phil Hanson will serve as Acting Chair of the Education Department. **Carolyn Blackmon** will continue to provide counsel and support to the department and Museum Affairs over the next several months.

PARKING PASSES ON SALE NOW

July and August monthly parking passes are on sale at the Visitor Services office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The price is $40 for each month. Shedd staff members are also purchasing passes at The Field.

SANTA'S VILLAGE AND RACING RAPIDS ACTION PARK HAVE SUMMER DISCOUNT COUPONS!

Discount coupons are now available in the Personnel Department for savings on admissions to Santa's Village or Racing Rapids. You can receive $3.00 off on a regular or combination ticket. These coupons are valid through the 1996 season. We have a limited amount of tickets and they will be distributed on a first-come basis. So go enjoy the summer fun without paying a summer price!

LIFE INSURANCE & PAYCHECKS

For those staff who have life insurance deductions for supplemental coverage, your deductions may increase as a result of either an age change or an increase in salary. The July 5, 1996 paycheck will reflect any adjustments to the supplemental life insurance deductions following the addition of merit increases. Please call **Jennifer Noe** (x526) if you have any questions.

TROUBLE WITH YOUR PHONE MESSAGES?

MAILBOXES ARE 85% FULL!

Effective immediately, all played messages will be deleted automatically seven days after the message is played. If maximum capacity is reached again, the Museum will be forced to delete unplayed messages. The Meridian voice mail system is ***not a storage bank.*** Passwords should be retained by supervisors and boxes emptied when staff are ill, etc. Questions? Call **Pat Phillips** (x216) or **Noel Selewa** (x438).

It Takes All Kinds! We're off and running! Contributions for the staff segment of "CONNECTING: The Campaign for the Field Museum" have started to come in from all areas of the Museum. Every staff member should have received a letter of explanation about the campaign and suggestions about how to show support for the institution. If you have not received a letter or have misplaced it, contact one of the Capital Campaign volunteers listed below for more materials. When you have completed your giving form you may return it by mail or bring it to a Campaign volunteer - then you'll receive a nifty "100%" button that reflects your part in achieving 100% staff participation. We, the staff organizers of the Staff Campaign, thank all staff members for joining us in the effort, and agree with the sentiments of Anita Morgan who said "I've been here for 12 years and this is the first time I've been asked to give to the Museum".

Call or come see us!

854	Beth Adams	Education
870	Cindy Andresen	Women's Board
881	Paul Baker	Development
377	Ray Bondoc	Visitor Services
832	Ben Bronson	Anthropology
627	Lori Breslauer	Academic Affairs
361	Dan Brinkmeier	Education
366	Lucy Bukowski	Finance
217	Jaci Carter	CCUC
681	Mary Chiz	Exhibits
250	John Engel	Botany
372	Leatrice Evans	Security
291	John Flynn	Geology
540	Joe Halik	Accounting
240	Martina Hough	Exhibits
289	Sandra Johnson	Personnel
420	Nadine Kendra	Museum Affairs
442	Janice Klein	Anthropology
882	Richard Koontz	Administration
421	Chris Mailander	Exhibits
360	Anita Morgan	Education
228	Ernst Pierre-Toussaint	Maintenance
386	Anita Purnell	Visitor Services
272	Mary Anne Rogers	Zoology
631	Alaka Wali	CCUC
542	Lisa Wodis	Finance
338	Elaine Zeiger	Geology
533	Frances Muraski-Stotz	Exhibits

Thanks! Carolyn Blackmon - Staff & Volunteer Campaign Chair

PUBLIC SERVICES MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

Howard Langford, Visitor Services.

May nominees: **Rayfield Drake (Audio-Visual), Robert Gray (Security), Howard Langford & Gloria Lukas (Visitor Services), Carlyn Morris-Gary (Security),** and **Ruben Villanueva (Housekeeping).**

Congratulations to the nominees and Employee of the Month for May. Thanks for going the extra mile!

Congratulations to Ray Bondoc, of Visitor Services, and Sheila Marks, who were married June 1st and spent their honeymoon in Italy and the South of France. We welcome Ray back and wish all the best to the newlyweds.

COMPUTER CORNER

From time to time it has been suggested that the *Natural News* run a computer tip column where people could share their knowledge and thereby help everyone to increase their skills. We are going to take the plunge by publishing solutions to problem calls that come in to the *Natural News* desk. Hopefully this beginning column will encourage others to contribute questions and solutions.

Tips are welcomed on any software used in the Museum. To contribute your own tip or trick to this column, call **Carolyn** (x642).

Q: How do you change the position of your toolbar (Windows version of WordPerfect), especially if you have somehow accidentally dislodged your toolbar from it's usual and preferred location?

A: Go to "Preferences" on the menu -- in some versions it is under "Edit" (as the Help notes indicate) while in others "Preferences" can be found under "File" (in spite of what the Help notes say). Click on the Toolbar icon, then select the Options box and you're there! Make your choices from the locations box.

CONSTRUCTION BRIEFS:

The Public Services offices of **Diane White** and **Paula Brandabur** have been moved to their new offices in the location of the old "War Room" next to Picnic in the Field -- in time for Diane's return in the beginning of July!

Landscaping work is scheduled to begin next week.

Preliminary work has begun on the **Dino-Store.**

The **partial electricity outage** on the west side of the building over last weekend inconvenienced some. You will be happy to know that a review of **"life safety issues"** had already begun and the Museum's back-up power supply was the first issue addressed.

Questions? Call **Carolyn Klyce** (x642)

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon. Printed on recycled paper.

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

Head Conservator **Cap Sease** (Anthropology) spent two and a half days last week teaching a segment of the Core Curriculum course on the care of anthropological collections at the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Cap was largely responsible for organizing and structuring the course and has been teaching it for the past three years. Participants include curators and collections managers from museums throughout the United States.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

MIKKELSEN ACCEPTS AMNH CURATORSHIP

Research Associate **Paula Mikkelson** (Zoology, Invertebrates) has accepted a position as Assistant Curator in the Department of Invertebrates of the American Museum of Natural History. Among the first things to do after arrival in New York will be to start a histology lab for her snail research, similar to the one she has been using with Associate Curator **Rudiger Bieler** (Zoology, Invertebrates) here at The Field Museum.

MAMMALOGISTS ATTEND MEETING IN BEAUTIFUL NORTH DAKOTA

Most of the staff and students of the Mammal Division attended the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists from June 15-18 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, garden spot of the Red River Valley. **Larry Heaney, Bruce Patterson, Bill Stanley, Doreen Covey, Kate Lyons, Link Olson,** and **Joe Walsh** all presented papers on their research; **Melissa Morales** and **Natalie Rigertas** also attended. Larry Heaney was re-elected for a third term on the Board of Directors for the society; **Bruce Patterson** presented the society's highest award for research at the annual banquet. Nearly 500 people attended the meeting, with participants coming from 17 countries; nearly 300 presentations were made. The high point of the meeting was a picnic next to some glacial lakes, where the mosquitoes were larger than the buffalo.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of **Bernice Caine Patterson,** wife of long-time former Curator of Paleontology, **Bryan Patterson.** Mrs. Patterson died early this month after several years of failing health. She is survived by their son Alan Patterson of Somerville, Massachusetts. "Pat" had been with the Field Museum Department of Geology for thirty years prior to becoming an Alexander Agassiz Professor at Harvard. He died in 1979.

Archives: Anyone needing to access archival material before July 5 may call **Richard Koontz** (x882). **Armand Esai** (x213) will return on July 5.

Congratulations!

To Julian Jackson (Finance) and his wife Leondra Jackson on the birth of their daughter Jada Lynnae Jackson on June 12, 1996. Jada weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. Daughter and parents are all doing great!

July 1996

Museum Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00am-7:00pm ZOOL Malacological/ CEEB, CR1,LHI, II&JST	2 9:00am-7:00pm ZOOL Malacological/ CEEB, CR1,LHI, II&JST	3 9:00am-7:00pm ZOOL Malacological/ CEEB, CR1,LHI, II&JST	4 HOLIDAY	5 10:30am-2:30pm ED Teacher Workshop, LH2	6
7	8 9:00am-4:00pm Teacher Tranining, CR 1&2	9 9:00am-4:00pm Teacher Tranining, CR 1&2	10 9:00am-4:00pm Teacher Tranining, CR 1&2	11 8:00am-4:00pm ED Outreach Orientation, LH1 9:00am-4:00pm Teacher Tranining, CR 1&2 3:00-4:30pm Capital Campaign, LH2	12 9:00am-4:00pm Teacher Tranining, CR 1&2	13 9:00am-4:00pm AFC Courses, LH2 12:30-3:30pm "Spiders" Public Programs, LH1& JST
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21 Mayor's Cup Youth Soccer Fest 11:00am-1:00pm SE Ethnic Heritage Committee,JST	22 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	23 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	24 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	25 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2 3:00-4:30pm Capital Campaign, LH2	26 8:30am-1:00pm Personnel Orientation, LH2 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	27 Venetian Night 8:30am-12:30pm Teacher Workshop Project Teach, CR1, LH2 1:00-4:00pm Tibet Today Lecture, LH2
28	29 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	30 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2	31 9:30am-2:30pm ED Summer Camp, LH1,2, CR1&2 7:00-10:00pm SE Chgo Herp Soc, LHI			

6/25/1996

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
~~Classroom 4~~	~~2nd~~	~~40~~	~~I P~~	~~Education~~	~~Bob Cantu~~	~~353~~	CLOSED
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Instit. Adv.	Suzanne Murphy	210	Restricted use
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Special Ev. Sec'y	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Spec. Events	Carol Konieczny	218	Exhibits Dept. consulted prior to confirmation
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I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

ATP PROGRAM READY TO GO

The Summer 1996 Session of the Advanced Training Program in the Conservation of Biological Diversity (ATP) begins Monday, July 8 with the arrival of eight participants from six countries. As with previous participants, they come from a variety of backgrounds and have a diverse set of interests, and we are looking forward to another exciting session. There will be two seminar series to which everyone is invited. **Faculty seminars will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Zoology Classroom** (third floor). The first of these seminars will be on Monday, July 15; Tom Poulson from the University of Illinois at Chicago will speak about "Using Natural Experiments to Infer How Communities Work." **Seminars by ATP participants will take place on Tuesdays at noon in the Zoology Classroom.** The first of these seminars will be on July 9, when Somsak Panha from Thailand will speak about "Diversity of Land Pulmonate Snails in Southeast Asia." Look for announcements posted throughout the Museum for future seminars. Please call **Wendy Jackson** (x432) if you have questions about ATP, or if you would like a copy of the seminar schedule.

Following are the brief resumes for the incoming participants:

Aschta Nita Boestani from Indonesia: Since 1993, Ms. Boestani has been with the Orangutan Reintroduction Project in East Kalimantan. She received her B.S. in Biology in 1992 from the National University in Jakarta. She is currently the Head of Information and Extension Education Program on the Orangutan Project, and is also involved in research on rehabilitation and reintroduction of confiscated orangutans. Ms. Boestani is interested in learning more about the ecology and habitat requirements of orangutans to improve the effectiveness of their reintroduction programs. Carol Sodaro and Bob Lacy of Brookfield Zoo will serve as her individual project advisors.

Ho Thu Cuc from **Vietnam:** Since 1975, Ms. Ho has been a researcher with the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources at the National Center for Science and Technology in Hanoi. Ms. Ho received her Master's degree in Biology from Bacu University in the USSR. She is responsible for research on and captive breeding of amphibians and reptiles. She and her colleagues carry out field surveys to determine the status of valuable, rare and endangered species. She is interested in learning techniques for assessing populations in the wild and strategies for conservation and restoration of endangered species. **Bob Inger** of The Field Museum will serve as her individual project supervisor.

Salim Javed from **India:** Since 1988, Mr. Javed has been a Lecturer at the Centre of Wildlife and Ornithology at Aligarh Muslim University. He received his M.Phil. In Wildlife Sciences in 1990, and his M.Sc. In Zoology in 1987 from Aligarh University. He is currently writing his Ph.D. dissertation on the structure of bird communities in Dudwa National Park. Mr. Javed has participated in numerous faunal surveys in both the Himalayas and plains, concentrating on specific target groups, such as pheasants. He is interested in learning rapid assessment techniques to survey especially diverse areas in the Western Ghats and the Terai. **John Bates** and **Tom Schulenberg** of The Field Museum will serve as his individual project advisors.

Esther Mwangi from Kenya: Ms. Mwangi

has been a Research Scientist with the Kenya Wildlife Service since 1992. She received her M.Phil. in Environmental Studies in 1992 from Moi University, and her B. Ed. in Botany and Zoology in 1989 from Kenyatta University. Her thesis was on the composition, structure and distribution of vegetation of Lake Bogoria National Reserve. She is interested in learning methods for designing protected area networks, and for consolidating biodiversity information into a format that will allow land managers to make informed decisions concerning protected areas. **Robin Foster** of The Field Museum will serve as her individual project advisor.

Nguyen Xuan Dang from **Vietnam:** Since 1981, Mr. Nguyen has been a Researcher with the Institute of Ecology and Biological Resources Biologist at the National Center for Science and Technology in Hanoi. He received his Ph.D. from the Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam. Mr. Nguyen's dissertation was on the ecology and captive breeding of some species of Viverrids. He is coordinating the Small Carnivore Conservation Program in Vietnam, and is establishing a captive breeding center for endangered species. He is interested in learning methods and techniques for enhancing such breeding programs in Vietnam. Bruce Brewer of Brookfield Zoo will serve as his individual project advisor.

Somsak Panha from **Thailand:** Somsak Panha from Thailand: Since 1983, Mr. Panha has been associated with Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok; he is currently an Associate Professor of Biology. Mr. Panha received his D.Sc. In Zoology in 1988 from Kyoto University in Japan, and his M.SC. in Zoology from Chulalongkorn University. His current research is on the biodiversity of land pulmonate molluscs of Thailand, especially those that are threatened or endangered. Mr. Panha is interested in learning more about assessing patterns of biodiversity, and using this information to help establish conservation priorities in Thailand. **Rudiger Bieler** of The Field Museum will serve as his individual project advisor.

Stella Simiyu from **Kenya:** Since 1992, Ms. Simiyu has been a Plant Conservation Officer with the Plant Propagation and Conservation Unit of the National Museums of Kenya. She received her M.Sc. in Biology in 1989 from Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, and her B. Ed. In 1986 from Kenyatta University in Kenya. Ms. Simiyu is responsible for designing conservation strategies for endemic and threatened species of plants in Kenya. She is interested in learning methods for surveying and assessing the viability of populations in the field, and for managing populations of rare species. **Robin Foster** of The Field Museum will serve as her individual project advisor.

Leonard Usongo from **Cameroon:** Since 1993, Mr. Usongo has been a Senior Biologist with the Cameroon Biodiversity Project. He received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Management in 1992 from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, and his M.Sc. in 1989 from the same institution. His dissertation was on the population and feeding ecology of the Red Colobus Monkey in Korup National Park. He is involved in ecological monitoring of key species and habitats, and in assessing the impact of human use of natural resources. He is interested in learning about the design and management of protected areas. Bob Lacy and Jean Dubach of Brookfield Zoo will serve as his individual project advisors.

Reminder: **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST STATEMENTS DUE NOW!** All staff and volunteers must fill out a Conflicts of Interest statement. The forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, or from **Richard Koontz** (x882) or **Carolyn Klyce** (x642).